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TERRORISTS IN FRANCE

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1. MEDIA HAVE REPORTED FULLY ON EXTENSIVE SPANISH DIPLOMATIC
ACTIVITY TO ELICIT COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE FROM GOF ON CONTROL OF
ACTIVITIES BY BASQUE TERRORISTS. GOS BORDER CONTROL DECISIONS
SEPT 20 WERE IMPOSED DAY FOLLOWING MEETING IN PARIS BETWEEN
SPANISH AMBASSADOR LOJENDIO AND FRENCH FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES
(REFTEL). LOJENDIO WENT TO QUAY D'ORSAY AGAIN SEPTEMBER 21 AND
ON SEPTEMBER 23 HE SAM MINISTER OF STATE PONIATOWSKI. SPANISH
FONMIN CORTINA MET WITH SAUVAGNARGUES IN NEW YORK SEPT 23
AND REPORTEDLY RAISED ISSUE OF BASQUE TERRORISM ALONG WITH OTHER
BILATERAL ISSUES.

2. FRENCH HAVE REPORTEDLY ISSUED ORDER BANNING PUBLICATION OF
BOOK ENTITLED, "OPERATION OGRO" PRINTING TAPED CONVERSATIONS WITH
FOUR OF THE ADMITTED BASQUE CONSPIRATORS (ETA) IN THE ASSASSINATION
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OF PRESIDENT CARRERO BLANCO DECEMBER 20, 1973. BOOK INCLUDES

DISCUSSION BY THESE BASQUE TERRORISTS OF TENTATIVE PLANS TO ASSASSINATE SECSTATE KISSINGER WHO WAS IN MADRID DEC 19, 1973. SPANISH MEDIA INDICATE THIS IS ONLY CONCESSION THAT FRENCH HAVE MADE IN RESPONSE TO SPANISH DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE FOR MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, OTHER THAN VAGUE PROMISE TO CONSIDER EXTRADITION REQUESTS.

3. IN STATEMENT EXPLAINING ADDITIONAL SHIP DEPLOYMENTS ON NORTHERN COAST, SPANISH MINISTRY OF NAVY MADE ANNOUNCEMENT SEPT 26 STATING THAT "PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THESE YEARS TO NAVAL VIGILANCE IN THE BAY OF BISCAY FOR THE FISHING INTERESTS OF THE AREA AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRABAND ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN BE CARRIED OUT ACROSS THE FRONTIER. THE INTENSE NAVAL ACTIVITY WHICH THE SPANISH NAVY IS CARRYING OUT THESE DAYS IN THE BAY OF BISCAY IN WHICH A DOZEN WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, CORRESPONDS TO THE FIRM INTENTION OF THE GOVT TO SUPPRESS DECISIVELY ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS AND THE ILLEGAL CROSSING OF ACTIVISTS AND TERRORISTS WHO, COMING FROM FRANCE, INTEND TO ENTER OUR HOMELAND IN ORDER TO DISTURB ORDER AND CARRY OUT CRIMINAL TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES."

4. OFFICIAL NAVAL COMMUNICATION WAS PRECEDED IN MEDIA SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER BY REPORTS THAT FOUR SPANISH DESTROYERS HAD BERTHED IN THE PORT OF PASAJES NEAR THE SPANISH/FRENCH FRONTIER. IT HAS ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE CAPTAIN GENERAL OF THE MARITIME REGION OF THE CANTABRIAN REGION, ADMIRAL GONZALEZ ALLEA, WILL ARRIVE SEPT 27 ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE AREA AND RESIDE IN FUENTERRABIA DIRECTLY OPPOSITE HENDAYE IN FRANCE.

5. IT WAS ANNOUNCED SEPT 24 THAT EIGHT ETA ACTIVISTS SEIZED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEPT 13 BOMBING IN MADRID WILL BE TRIED BY A MILITARY COURT. ALLEGED LEADER OF GROUP, JUAN-MANUEL GALLARRAGA-MENDIZABAL, HAS REPORTEDLY APPLIED FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN FRANCE.

6. COMMENT: FROM ALL APPEARANCES, GOS IS STILL DISSATISFIED WITH FRENCH RESPONSE TO ITS PRESSURES FOR IMPROVED CONTROL OVER BASQUE ACTIVITIES AND SPANISH PRESS IS TAKING ITS CUE WITH CONTINUING SLAPS AT FRENCH ATTITUDE. SPANISH NAVY DEPLOYMENTS PROBABLY DESIGNED AS MUCH FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION AS FOR ANY REAL SECURITY NEED, SINCE THEY SIGNAL GOVT'S DETERMINATION TO MEET THREAT AND CONSTITUTE MILD REPROACH TO FRANCE FOR INADEQUATE BORDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SURVEILLANCE. EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT OVERLAND BORDER CONTROLS IMPOSED SEPT 20 CAUSED MORE HARDSHIP TO FRENCHMEN IN THE FIRST SEVERAL DAYS THAN SUBSEQUENTLY AND THAT TRAFFIC NOW MOVING ALMOST NORMALLY. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT SOME FRENCH TOURING GROUPS HAVE GIVEN UP PLANS TO VACATION IN VARIOUS SPANISH RESORTS. MILITARY TRIAL OF EIGHT SUSPECTS OF SEPTEMBER 13 BOMBING COULD SET STAGE FOR RERUN OF BURGOS TRIAL OF 1970 WHICH LED TO INTERNAL POLITICAL STRAIN AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES ON SPAIN

TO SHOW CLEMENCY TOWARD BASQUE SEPARATISTS. SPANISH USE OF
COURTS-MARTIAL FOR THIS TYPE OF POLITICAL OFFENSE AGAIN LIKELY
TO BE POORLY RECEIVED IN WESTERN EUROPE AND WILL PROBABLY MAKE
ANY COOPERATION ON EXTRADITION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT POLITICALLY
FOR FRENCH.

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